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SUBJECT: IRANIAN MFA'S VIEW ON GULF SECURITY PACT

1. SINCE IRAN-IRAQ ACCORD OF MARCH 6 AND DEATH OF KING FAISAL  
THERE HAS BEEN INCREASING SPECULATION THAT THREE MAJOR POWERS IN  
PERSIAN GULF--IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAQ--ARE PREPARING TO  
CONCLUDE COLLECTIVE SECURITY PACT FOR GULF REGION. CONTINUING  
EXCHANGE OF HIGH-LEVEL VISITS AMONG COUNTRIES OF AREA, INCLUDING  
PRINCE FAHD'S CURRENT TRIP TO KUWAIT AND IRAQ AND FONMIN  
KHALATBARY'S VISIT TO BAGHDAD JUNE 11, HAVE ADDED FUEL TO  
SPECULATION THAT AGREEMENT MAY ALREADY HAVE BEEN REACHED ON PACT  
TO BE SIGNED AT SUMMIT MEETING IN RIYADH IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER.

2. ASKED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR SUCH A PACT, MFA'S CHIEF OF PERSIAN  
GULF AFFAIRS IZADI NOTED THAT SADDAM HUSSEIN HAD PICKED UP IDEA  
OF COOPERATION AMONG GULF STATES WHICH SHAH HAS BEEN PROPOSING  
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EVER SINCE BRITISH PULLED OUT IN 1971. PREVIOUSLY IRAQ'S  
ACTIVITIES AND AMBITIONS IN GULF HAD BEEN AMONG MAIN OBSTACLES TO  
COOPERATION BUT NOW IRAQ SEEMS TO HAVE CHANGED ITS ATTITUDE, AT  
LEAST FOR MOMENT. FOR ITS OWN REASONS, INCLUDING DESIRE FOR

RQPPROCHEMENT WITH MODERATE ARABS AND TO REDUCE DEPENDENCE UPON USSR, IRAQ NOW SEEMS TO FAVOR STABILITY IN GULF AND CERTAIN AMOUNT OF COOPERATION AMONG BIG-3 TO MAINTAIN IT.

3. IZADI CLAIMS THERE HAS BEEN NO AGREEMENT ON ELEMENTS OF SUCH A PACT AND THAT WHOLE SUBJECT IS STILL IN EXPLORATION STAGE. IRAN AND IRAQ ARE SEPARATELY SOUNDING OUT VIEWS OF OTHER GULF STATES ON DESIRABILITY OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WHOSE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE WOULD BE TO STOP ANY "FOREIGN" THREAT TO SECURITY OF AREA. ONLY AFTER FAVORABLE CONSENSUS HAS BEEN REACHED WILL THERE BE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF FORM PACT SHOULD TAKE, MILITARY FORCES TO BE COMMITTED, RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH MEMBER COUNTRY, AND SIMILAR MATTERS, IRAN HAS CONSULTED WITH BAHRAIN AND UAE, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE, AND WITH SAUDI ARABIA WHICH IZADI SAID IS BASICALLY FAVORABLE ALTHOUGH IT STILL QUESTIONS SOME ASPECTS. IRAQ HAS NOT YET REPORTED FULLY ON ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER GULF STATES.

4. IZADI CATEGORICALLY DENIED RUMORS THAT BIG-3 PLANNED TO IMPOSE PACT ON SMALLER COUNTRIES. AS LARGEST AND MOST POWERFUL COUNTRIES IN REGION, IRAN, IRAQ AND SAUDI ARABIA WOULD HAVE MORE RESPONSIBILITIES AND WOULD MAKE LARGER CONTRBUTION TO SECURITY BUT ALL LITTORAL STATES WOULD BE INVOLVED AND ALL WOULD BE AT ANY SUMMIT WHERE FINAL DETAILS WERE WORKED OUT. ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THERE WERE NOT UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT, IZADI REPLIED ONLY THAT MAJORITY WOULD TRY TO CONVINCE DISSENTERS. HE THOUGHT CHANCES FOR AGREEMENT WERE GOOD AND THAT IT MIGHT COME AS EARLY AS THIS FALL.

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